



## Executive Office of Public Safety and Security Newsletter

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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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## **EOPSS Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **FFY 2010 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Grant Application**

#### **Application Deadline: January 29, 2010**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Homeland Security Division announces the availability of funding to improve emergency management and preparedness capabilities by supporting flexible, sustainable, secure, and interoperable Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) with a focus on addressing identified deficiencies and needs. State, local, or tribal principal EOCs are eligible to apply.

For more information on allowable costs and how to apply: [www.mass.gov/eops](http://www.mass.gov/eops) (click on links for Funding and Training Opportunities, Homeland Security, Grant Programs) or contact [Tracy.Brown@state.ma.us](mailto:Tracy.Brown@state.ma.us).

### **2009-2010 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant**

#### **Application Deadline: Open, rolling-enrollment**

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, Highway Safety Division, announces the availability of approximately \$2,650,000 in federal grant funding in Federal Fiscal Year 2010 for municipal, college and university law enforcement agencies for high visibility enforcement during mobilizations and for the purchase of traffic enforcement-related equipment and materials.

For more information: [www.mass.gov/highwaysafety](http://www.mass.gov/highwaysafety) (click on links for the 2009-2010 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant).

## **Other Funding Opportunities**

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

### **Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity for Juvenile Treatment Drug Courts**

#### **Application Deadline: February 23, 2010**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), is accepting applications for the FY2010 Grants to Expand Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity in Juvenile Treatment Drug Courts. The purpose of this program is to expand and/or enhance substance abuse treatment services in “problem solving” courts which use the juvenile drug court model in order to provide alcohol and drug treatment, recovery support services for substance abuse treatment, screening, assessment, case management, and program coordination to juvenile defendants/offenders. Eligibility is limited to existing individual Juvenile Treatment Drug Courts or their Tribal/State or local governmental proxies.

For more information: <http://www.samhsa.gov/grants/2010/TI-10-004.aspx>.

## **Research and Publications**

### **Cell Phones Behind Bars**

This National Institute of Justice “In Short” examines developments in cell phone technology that are potentially problematic to corrections and public safety officials. Of particular concern is the portability of cell phones and inmate accessibility to text, audio, and video capabilities. The report discusses technology being tested to intercept or block phone signals and pending legislation that would allow prison and jail officials to use such equipment.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/227539.pdf>.

### **Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2009**

This annual report, published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics in conjunction with the National Center for Education Statistics, presents data on the nature of crime in and around schools and reactions to crime and violence in an education setting. The report uses data gathered from a variety of sources including the National Crime Victimization Survey (and School Crime Supplement), Youth Risk Behavior Survey, School Survey on Crime and Safety, and the School and Staffing Survey. Topics include: victimization, teacher injury, bullying, school conditions, fights, weapons, availability and student use of drugs and alcohol, and student perceptions of personal safety at school.

Access full text at: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/iscs09.pdf>.

### **Prisoners in 2008**

Using National Prisoner Statistics data, this Bureau of Justice Statistics “Bulletin” provides an overview of prisoners under jurisdiction of federal or state correctional authorities at yearend 2008. This annual report compares the 2008 prison populations to the prison populations from yearend 2000 through yearend 2007. The report covers: decreasing growth in state and federal prisons; imprisonment rates for prisoners sentenced to more than one year by jurisdiction; prisoner demographics; the number of inmates in custody in state and federal prison and local jails; and custody incarceration rates. Also included are inmate counts for those held within correctional facilities operated by and for the military, U.S. territories, Indian country, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and juvenile authorities.

Access full text at: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/p08.pdf>.

### **Probation and Parole in the United States, 2008**

This Bureau of Justice Statistics “Bulletin” examines the number of adults under probation or parole at yearend 2008. The report includes information on: the growth rates in probation and parole; the number of entries and exits, the rate at which probationers and parolees exit supervision, changes in the populations within jurisdictions, and demographic changes in both populations.

Access full text at: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/ppus08.pdf>.

### **Juvenile Arrests 2008**

Using data collected through the FBI’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program, this Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention “Bulletin” summarizes 2008 juvenile crime and arrest data reported by local law enforcement agencies nationwide. This report is intended to describe the extent and nature of juvenile crime that has been reported by law enforcement agencies in calendar year 2008.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/228479.pdf>.

### **Guide for Preventing and Responding to School Violence Second Edition**

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the purpose of this guide is to provide a variety of strategies and approaches to preventing and responding to school violence. The guide discusses the important roles that school administrators, teachers, staff, students, parents, community members, and law enforcement officials play in creating and maintaining safe schools. Topics include: ways to prevent student violence; threat assessment; how to respond during a crisis; managing the aftermath of a crisis; legal considerations; and recommendations for the media.

Access full text at: [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/IACP\\_School\\_Violence.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/IACP_School_Violence.pdf).

## **Conferences and Trainings**

### **Department of Defense Cyber Crime Conference**

**January 22-29, 2010 in St. Louis, MO**

Sponsored by the United States Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center, this conference will address both current and newly evolving trends in cyber crime. Topics will include: intrusion investigations; cyber-crime law; digital forensics; information assurance; and the research, development, testing, and evaluation of digital forensic tools.

For more information: <http://www.dodcybercrime.com/10CC/>.

### **American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) 62nd Annual Scientific Meeting**

**February 22-27, 2010 in Seattle, WA**

Sponsored by the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, this annual meeting brings together a wide range of forensic specialists to present current information, research, and updates to the field. The conference will feature scientific papers, breakfast seminars, workshops, and other special events. Topics will include gunshot residues, toxicology, determining manner of death, reconstruction of death scenes, forensic multimedia analysis, advances in forensic DNA analysis, and investigation of deaths in custody.

For more information: [http://www.aafs.org/default.asp?section\\_id=meetings&page\\_id=aafs\\_annual\\_meeting](http://www.aafs.org/default.asp?section_id=meetings&page_id=aafs_annual_meeting).

### **National Fusion Center Conference**

**February 23-25, 2010 in New Orleans, LA**

Sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice's Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Office of the Program Manager, this conference will provide training, technical assistance, and other support on issues directly affecting fusion centers. The conference will offer both plenary and breakout sessions and will feature topics such as funding and sustainment, developing an intelligence capability, security and privacy issues, protecting sensitive case material, fusion center resources, and integration efforts.

For more information: <http://www.iir.com/registration/fusioncenter/default.html>.

**Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2010 Annual Meeting: “Beyond Our Boundaries: The Inclusivity of Criminal Justice Sciences”**

**February 23-27, 2010 in San Diego, CA**

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences’ Annual Meeting provides a forum for approximately 2,000 educators, researchers, practitioners, and students to discuss emerging issues in research, policy, education, and practice within the field of criminal justice.

For more information: [http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167\\_668\\_2915.cfm](http://www.acjs.org/pubs/167_668_2915.cfm).

**Civilian Police Advocate Conference**

**February 25–26, in Worcester, MA**

Sponsored by The Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety and Security; this conference will provide civilian police advocates and supervisors with the most up to date tools in an effort to institute best practices across the Commonwealth when responding to victims. Topics include, but are not limited to: dynamics of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking; risk assessment and strangulation; victim and advocate safety; and working with at risk populations. While this is a mandatory training for all VAWA STOP funded Civilian Advocates, it is open to other departments. It is also required that the police captain/lieutenant/officer etc. who works most closely with the advocate attend one day of the training. Please note that space is limited.

For more information contact Candice McKenna at [candice.mckenna@state.ma.us](mailto:candice.mckenna@state.ma.us)

**National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA)**

**February 28-March 05, 2010 in Portland, OR**

Sponsored by the Office for Victims of Crime, the NVAA offers education and skill-based classroom trainings for professionals who assist victims and survivors of crime around the nation. The academy consists of three tracks: foundation-level training; the professional skill-building institute; and the leadership institute.

For more information: <https://www.ovcttac.gov/nvaa/>.

**Blueprints Conference 2010**

**March 22-24, 2010 in Denver, CO**

Hosted by the Blueprints for Violence Prevention Initiative at the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence at the University of Colorado, Boulder, this conference provides continuing education and networking opportunities for effective and promising evidence-based prevention and intervention programs for juveniles and their families. The ultimate goal of this conference is to set a foundation for future collaboration among evidence-based programs. Participants will include: community prevention advocates; department heads of agencies responsible for violence and drug prevention efforts; state and local government leaders responsible for prevention funding and initiatives; leaders of the criminal justice systems, and program implementers.

For more information: <http://www.blueprintsconference.com/>.

## News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

### **Governor Picks First Woman To Lead Massachusetts State Police**

***The Boston Herald*, December 11, 2009**

Governor Deval Patrick has tapped veteran trooper Marian McGovern to be the first female leader of the Massachusetts State Police, promoting a 30-year veteran who was among only a dozen women in the agency when she began her career, reports *The Boston Herald*. McGovern, 55, of Millbury, goes from second-in-command to top cop on December 16th, replacing Col. Mark Delaney.

There were no female troopers on the job 35 years ago, now McGovern is among 173 Women on the 2,250 trooper force. In 2002, McGovern developed and instituted the state's Amber Alert program, which notifies the public of child abductions.

Access full text at: [http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20091211governor\\_patrick\\_taps\\_1st\\_woman\\_to\\_lead\\_state\\_police/](http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/view/20091211governor_patrick_taps_1st_woman_to_lead_state_police/).

### **Rise in Rapes as Other Violent Crimes Decrease**

***The Boston Globe*, December 11, 2009**

According to *The Boston Globe*, the rape total continues to rise in Boston, a frightening trend that is startling police who are grappling to understand why there are more sexual assaults when the city is generally seeing fewer homicides, robberies, and aggravated assaults. Police have received reports of 253 rapes and attempted rapes this year through Dec. 6, up 23 percent compared with the same time period in 2008, when 205 rapes were reported. Officials said that the year-to-year increase appears particularly dramatic because the number of sexual assaults last year dropped to the lowest level in decades. Violent crimes in Boston are down 7 percent compared with last year, and the number of homicides has fallen sharply.

Access full text at: [http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/12/11/rapes\\_rise\\_in\\_boston\\_as\\_other\\_violent\\_crimes\\_decrease?mode=PF](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/12/11/rapes_rise_in_boston_as_other_violent_crimes_decrease?mode=PF).

### **Senate Confirms State Police Lt. John Gibbons of Agawam as New U.S. Marshal for Mass.**

***The Republican*, December 28, 2009**

The U.S. Senate has confirmed state police Lt. John Gibbons of Agawam as the new U.S. Marshal in Massachusetts, making him the first black person to become U.S. Marshal in Massachusetts, according to *The Republican*. Gibbons started his police career as a trooper in Northampton about 30 years ago. In July, the late U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and U.S. Sen. John F. Kerry recommended Gibbons for the marshal's job.

Access full text at: [http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/12/senate\\_confirms\\_state\\_police\\_1.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2009/12/senate_confirms_state_police_1.html).



### **Northampton to Remain Vigilant After Fire Tragedy**

***The Republican*, January 7, 2010**

According to *The Republican*, even though police have a suspect in custody following a recent arson spree, Ward 3 residents [in Northampton] gathered at the World War II Club to press on with a plan to form neighborhood watches. People volunteered to captain watches in about two-thirds of the areas called out by organizers. Others will be recruited for the remainder. Despite the suspect's arrest, Mayor Mary Clare Higgins has urged residents to continue taking safety measures. Sheriff Robert Garvey brought a supply of smoke detectors to distribute and Deputy Sheriff David Fenton listed some basic steps people can take to improve their safety, such as clearly numbering their houses and locking their doors and windows. Ward 3 City Councilor Angela D. Plassmann also urged residents to go on safety walks to see if there are bushes that need to be cut back or street lights that are too dim.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/metroeast/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-21/1262852118311080.xml&coll=1#continue>.

## **Announcement**

### **Perceptions of Racial and Ethnic Overrepresentation in the Juvenile Justice System Study**

The Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee (JJAC) has prepared a short survey for people who work at least partly in the juvenile justice system. The goal of this survey is to gather information that will provide Massachusetts with a better understanding of the racial and ethnic disparities in the Massachusetts juvenile justice system. The results will be used by the JJAC to advise the Governor and Legislature on juvenile justice issues, garner insight into how best to spend federal discretionary funds in Massachusetts, and ensure Massachusetts' compliance with the mandates of the federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act. Please note that the surveys are confidential and that no identifying information will be shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Andrew Polk, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, at 617-725-3364 or [andrew.polk@state.ma.us](mailto:andrew.polk@state.ma.us).

To access the survey:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku\\_2fpNGYzWlvy4ceeqRkA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rpku_2fpNGYzWlvy4ceeqRkA_3d_3d).

### **January is National Stalking Awareness Month**

Once again, the Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime is pleased to join the Office on Violence Against Women of the U.S. Department of Justice in presenting a versatile set of resources to help plan the observance of 2010 National Stalking Awareness Month and continued outreach throughout the year. We hope these new and revised tools will inspire your efforts to know, name, and stop stalking in your community.

For more information go to: <http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org/promote>.

### **Governor Patrick Announces Appointment of New Secretaries for Public Safety and Labor**

According to a recent press release on [mass.gov](http://mass.gov), Governor Patrick has announced two new appointments to his cabinet. Mary Elizabeth Heffernan and Joanne Goldstein will serve as the new Secretaries of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) and the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (EOLWD), respectively. Heffernan, who currently serves as Undersecretary for Criminal Justice at EOPSS, will assume her new role upon Secretary Kevin Burke's departure in January. Goldstein currently serves as the Chief of the Attorney General's Fair Labor Division, and will replace Interim-Secretary Nancy Snyder.

Access full text at: [http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3pressrelease&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Agov3&b=pressrelease&f=122109\\_laborsafetysecs&csid=Agov3](http://www.mass.gov/?pageID=gov3pressrelease&L=1&L0=Home&sid=Agov3&b=pressrelease&f=122109_laborsafetysecs&csid=Agov3).

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